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## REPORT OF THE CHRONICLER.

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS DURING THE YEAR 1899.

- Jan. 2. Thermometer down to zero.
- “ 3. Court Calender suspended while proposed code of laws was examined by the bar.
- “ 12. Andrew Carnegie gives \$250,000 for a public library building in this city.
- “ 28. Sale of control of the U. S. Electric Lighting Company.
- Feb. 3. Anacostia & Potomac Street Railroad Company buys the Belt Railroad.
- “ 7. Sale of Brightwood Street Railroad.
- “ 8. Sale of Washington, Woodside and Forest Glen Railroad.
- “ 9. Coldest weather in this district known to Weather Bureau records.
- “ 11. Thermometer 15 degrees below zero.
- “ 13. Thirty inches of snow. A severe blizzard.
- “ 18. Young Men's Christian Association takes possession of its new home.
- “ 21. H. M. Clabaugh appointed Associate Justice U. S. Supreme Court to succeed Louis McComas.
- Appropriation of \$50,000 to be used in preventing spread of smallpox.
- “ 23. Senate D. C. Centennial bill passed by the House.
- Mar. 3. Preliminary steps in the erection of a new Department of Justice building.
- “ 4. Bill, selecting Mount Vernon Square as site of new public library building, becomes a law.
- “ 13. A. B. Duvall appointed Attorney for the District vice S. T. Thomas.
- “ 19. Holy Cross College corner stone laid.

- April 1. Meeting of Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.  
" 15. Sale of Metropolitan and Columbia street railroads.  
" 25. B. W. Murch appointed assistant superintendent of Public Schools.  
" 26. Offer made to buy control of Washington Gas Company.
- May 1. Close of the Potomac Flats case.  
" 12. Celebration of 70th anniversary of Wesley Chapel.  
" 13. Corner stone Hearst School for girls laid.  
St. Thomas P. E. Church edifice completed.  
" 17. Junior Republic organized.  
" 22. Erection of New Government Printing Office begun.  
" 23, 24, 25. Peace carnival held.  
" 25. Opening of North Carolina Ave. M. P. Church.  
" 27. John A. Merritt appointed City Postmaster vice Jas. P. Willett.  
" 29. Sale of City & Suburban Railroad.  
President's order issued exempting places from the Civil Service Law.
- June 13. Washington, Traction & Electric Company organized to operate eleven street railroads and two electric lighting companies.  
" 21. Organization of City's Committee to arrange for public reception to Admiral Dewey.
- July 1. Gay Street Baptist Church corner stone laid.  
" 7. Bicycle squad of fire department organized.  
" 13. Meeting in behalf of Texas flood sufferers.  
" 18. Design for the new Public Library building selected.  
" 21. George Truesdell appointed president of the Washington Traction & Electric Company.
- Sept. 14. Post Office Department begins to occupy the new building at the southeast corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Eleventh Street.  
" 17. Dedication of college and commissariat of Holy Land Catholic.  
" 27. Meeting Pan Presbyterian Alliance.

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Sept. 30. Thomas H. Anderson appointed District Attorney  
vice H. E. Davis.

Job Barnard appointed Associate Justice D. C. Supreme Court to succeed W. S. Cox.

Louis A. Dent appointed Register of Wills vice J. Nota McGill.

Dr. A. B. Richardson, of Ohio, appointed Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane,  
vice W. W. Godding.

Oct.    2. Demonstration in honor of Admiral Dewey.

“    10. Potomac and Lincoln Fire Insurance Cos. merged.

“    18. National Unitarian Conference in session.

“    21. Admiral Dewey selects house 1747 Rhode Island Avenue to be purchased by citizens fund.

“    30. Work on underground equipment for Eleventh Street or Belt Line begun.

Nov.    6. District quota of troops in American Spanish War.

“    16. Meeting General Missionary Committee, M. E. Church.

“    19. Dedication of St. Michael's and All Angels P. E. Church edifice.

“    24. Hopewell Darneille appointed Assessor of the District vice Matthew Trimble.

“    28. Electric overhead wires on F Street placed underground.

Dec.    6. Fiftieth anniversary of Rev. J. G. Butler's pastorate in this city.

“    14. Observance of 100th anniversary of Gen. Washington's death.

“    15. Charter for Union Trust & Storage Company applied for.

“    19. Regulation issued requiring dogs to be muzzled.

“    20. Pennsylvania Railroad Terminal bill introduced in the Senate.

“    22. Preparation begun to use the power of the Great Falls.

“    28. Maine dead buried at Arlington.